

Dear Committee members,

I am in support of removing the sunset provision that would end support for dairy farmers. As a dairy farmer and chairman of "Very Alive", a group of progressive dairy farmers and related business people, we need this safety net to continue providing dairy products in Connecticut, because progress has not been made in correcting federal milk pricing formulas. We are actively working with our federal officials to work out a pricing solution. It appears at this time, nothing will happen until the 2012 farm bill is passed and that has been delayed a year and even if we get proper federal legislation, it will take almost another year to get it implemented.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and want you to know that because of your leadership in the past, we still have a 1.1 billion dollar industry working tirelessly to provide our citizens with local milk.

Thank you for your time on this matter.  
Sincerely,  
Bill Peracchio